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Title : OVERCOMING DAPA AMINOTRANSFERASE BOTTLENECKS IN

BIOTIN VITAMERS BIOSYNTHESIS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 25, line 17, after "BI 90", insert --55999--.
On page 25, line 19, after "BI 96", insert --202000--.
On page 25, line 21, after "BI 603", insert --202003--.

On page 25, line 23, after "BI 641", insert --202002--.

On page 25, line 25, after "BI 642", insert --202001--.

In the Claims:

On page 29, claim 24, line 1, after "ATCC", delete the blank line and insert --55999--.

On page 29, claim 24, line 2, after "ATCC", delete the blank line and insert --202000--.

On page 29, claim 26, line 1, after "ATCC", delete the blank line and insert --202003--.

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